

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

*Twelve Ways in Which Each Private Citizen of Pennsylvania
Can Help Defend America*



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President Roosevelt declared on January 2, 1941,

"We must make America the Arsenal of Democracy."

Governor James declared on January 7, 1941,

"To accomplish that, Pennsylvania must become The Arsenal of America."

In March, 1941, both Houses of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania unanimously passed an Act creating The State Council of Defense.

On April 17, 1941, Governor James proclaimed the existence and authority of the State Council of Defense, and outlined its chief duties in these words:

"The gravest perils which beset our future may not perhaps be the physical dangers of the ever-spreading and disastrous conflict now racking the world. Still more dangerous is the insidious attack on the morale of our people. Apathy, bickering and uncertainty of purpose can do more to wreck the American ship of state or set her far adrift on uncharted seas than can the risk we run of hardship, sacrifice and even conquest itself.

"In the matters in which the Council is given authority by this Proclamation, I hereby call upon the men and women of Pennsylvania for full cooperation. I summon from the vast reservoir of courage and enterprise, which are Pennsylvania's inheritance, the will to work together in harmony and cooperation, which is our country's first need in its present critical hour."

How can you, a private citizen of Pennsylvania, right in your own home community, respond to this plea of President Roosevelt and Governor James for a stronger America?

Here are twelve suggestions for your consideration:

1. Do a better job today than you did yesterday. Wherever you are, at home, in school, in shop, in office—begin to put some PLUS energy and enthusiasm and devotion into all your work. Say to yourself, "What I've done up to now has been for myself. From now on my *plus effort* will be to help make America strong." In this way we can all tighten up and speed up America's defense.

2. When the young men of your community go off to camp in response to their draft call, give them a cheer and a send-off. Help them to realize that Selective Service is a patriotic privilege instead of a calamity.

3. Instructions may be issued from time to time by your local authorities regarding special fire drills, bomb shelters, gas masks, and other defense measures that are strange and unfamiliar to the citizens of America. If and when such instructions are issued in your community, think clearly and coolly and obey them faithfully. They are not jokes or child's play. Learn and practice what to do under any of these circumstances, so the people of Pennsylvania will not get hysterical in time of danger and start out on the highway frantically as many people did along the seaboard one night a few years ago when a radio hoax warned of a "Martian invasion."

4. Do not have any part in unfair or mean personal criticisms of our elected leaders. This kind of talk destroys patriotic unity and spreads bitterness among our citizens. Our National and State elections are over and our elected leaders are in authority for a stated term of years. They have terrific responsibilities in one of the most dangerous hours in the history of America. Let us hold up their hands and give them our loyal support. American citizens always have differences of opinion about the policies and acts of our government, but these honest differences of opinion can be expressed and discussed without personal slander.

5. Write letters of encouragement to the young men you know who are in the service of the United States Army or the United States Navy. Let them know that the civilians back home appreciate what they are doing, and are prepared to make sacrifices in the same patriotic spirit at home.

6. Buy the Special Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps that the United States Treasury will issue to help finance the Defense program. Information about these issues will be published from time to time in the newspapers, and can be obtained at your United States Post Office.

7. Be a little more unselfish in your attitude in your community. The very foundation of a strong America is our trust in each other. If one citizen sees a neighbor trying to "get something out" of government for himself all the time, this trust in each other will be destroyed. Let us all "put in" instead of "take out" and we will have a community, and state, and nation that will be strong and powerful for *any* emergency.

8. Volunteer for service in one or more of the many civilian agencies in your community—such as Red Cross, United Service Organizations, and a great many other excellent organizations which are serving the morale and health and welfare of civilians and of men in service.

9. If you live in a community near one of our Army or Navy encampments, do your part in that community's program of wholesome recreation and entertainment for the young men in service while they are off duty. Your local Council of Defense can tell you how you can help.

If you live in a community remote from these Camps, give what funds you can to the National funds that are being raised for this recreational service.

10. Attend your church every week regularly and thus add to the spiritual resources of our nation. Bow your head in humble worship of God and pray that He shall guide and save His people in their hour of peril.

11. Be happy and proud that you are an American. Can you think of any other nation on the face of the world where you would rather be now? No? Then don't hesitate to say right out loud now and then to yourself and to your friends "I love America, and will serve this Republic with my whole heart and soul."

12. If you have any suggestion about the Defense program, report it to your local Council of Defense, or to the State Council of Defense at Harrisburg. Perhaps it has already been thought of, but on the other hand, perhaps it will prove to be a new and helpful idea.

REQUISITION

TO STATE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Harrisburg, Pa.

I wish to distribute your leaflet "*Twelve Ways in which each Private Citizen of Pennsylvania can help Defend America.*"

To the members of
(Name the organization)

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Please send me of these leaflets.
give number.

Officer

Name

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